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## U-BOATS BOTTLED UP AT BRUGES

### Public Works Head Under Fire of Civic Council

#### LIONS' CLUB RAPS WALTON'S USE OF PAVING BUDGET

Committee Report to Be Submitted to Civic Council.

#### TOO MANY INSPECTORS

Money Went for Salaries, Not Maintenance, Say Probers.

Conduct of the department of public works by J. C. Walton, particularly in the expenditure of city money appropriated for street paving and repairing, was condemned in emphatic terms by a report submitted by a special committee to the Lions club at its meeting at noon today in the Skirvin hotel. Coming immediately after the tearing up of Robinson street and the open disapproval of Walton's action by other commissioners the action of the Lions club presages a minute investigation into the conduct of the public works department.

The report ends with a request that the findings of the committee be presented to the civic council, composed of the business men's clubs of the city, for action.

By unanimous vote the Lions adopted the report as submitted and approved the recommendation that the report be submitted to the other clubs in the civic council.

The committee making the report is composed of Robert M. Scott, chairman; P. D. Beatty, J. M. Bass, C. E. Bentley and Millard H. Russell.

The telling points in the report are: If more money was available this year for paving repairs and it has not been spent on downtown streets, what has become of it?

The paving of A avenue and of a driveway to St. Anthony's hospital are a donation to property owners. Only \$5,034.80 of the paving repair budget of \$27,015.83 was spent for materials.

It was a step backward to abandon

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#### MORE EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS ARE FELT IN CALIFORNIA

SAN JACINTO, Cal., April 23.—Three more earthquake shocks during the night and early today, made San Jacinto and Hemet "shivers" but added nothing to the destruction of the Sunday afternoon tremors which half wrecked the business district here and severely damaged Hemet.

#### HOUSEWIVES OUT EARLY TODAY FOR BIG FOOD SHOW

Turning Away of Late-Comers Brings Prompt Attendance.

#### TOMORROW'S PROGRAM AT THE FOOD SHOW

2:30 p. m.—Demonstration in canning fruits and vegetables by Daisy Frazier, extension division of A. and M. college. Favorite war time recipes by the chef of the Skirvin hotel.

8-9 p. m.—Musical program by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Durrett. Living patriotic posters with Mrs. Frances Martin and Archie Dixon posing in a Red Cross poster, Helen Ledbetter in "Columbia," Mrs. Alton Earp in "Fight or Buy Bonds," Milton Madansky in "Over the Top," and Miss Blanche Claggett in "Be Patriotic."

The second day of the annual food show and housewives' exposition saw women in their places all ready for the commencement of the morning program at 10:30 o'clock as a great many women arriving after 2:30 yesterday were turned away from the afternoon demonstration.

Mamie Walker, county home demonstration agent, opened the program with a demonstration of the planning of meals on a war time basis.

Miss Walker had an exhibit on the kitchen table showing a day's ration

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#### Cartare Raise May be Needed Engineer Says

Materials and Labor Have Advanced Too Much for Old Rate, Says Guy B. Treat.

The address of Guy B. Treat, chief engineer of the Oklahoma Railway company, featured the morning session of the Oklahoma Gas, Electric and Street Railway convention in annual meeting here at the Lee-Huckins hotel this morning. War has so affected all materials and labor needed by street railway companies, Treat declared, that a raise in fares may be necessary if the companies are to continue to give the same service in the future.

Prof. L. W. Morrow, dean of the school of engineering at the state university, spoke on "Oklahoma Utilities and the War." "High Tension Transmission" will be the subject of an address this afternoon to be made by Lee Boyer, engineer of the Choctaw Light and Power company. L. A. White, superintendent of the Muskogee Gas and Electric company, will speak on "Gas Fired Boilers."

This evening from 6 to 9 o'clock there will be a Jovian rejuvenation and from 9 to 12 o'clock the convention banquet and cabaret is the program. The convention will continue through tomorrow. More than 150 representatives are attending.

#### CHURCH GIVES UP ALL LEGAL CLAIM TO UNIVERSITY

Methodist Commission Will Not Take Court's Offer.

The Methodist Episcopal church will not accept the offer of the district court to file a claim to an interest in the Epworth university property. This was decided at a meeting here yesterday of the educational commission of the Oklahoma conference of the church. The commission has full power to act in the interim between sessions and the resolutions adopted by it yesterday finally dispose of any probability that the church will share in the settlement of the property. Although the court has held that the Methodist Episcopal church, south, which is contending for the property, the commission held that the Methodist Episcopal church had no moral right.

The commission is composed of trustees of the Methodist university at

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#### Cooper Haled to Court on Charge of Killing Threat

A complaint charging L. D. Cooper with threatening to kill Lucille D. Brandes yesterday, was filed in the justice court of T. F. Donnell this morning. According to the complaint, which was signed by the woman, Cooper has threatened her before, and has cut her with a knife on other occasions. She asks that Cooper be placed under a peace bond, as she fears he will carry out his threats unless restrained. Cooper will be arraigned this afternoon.

#### Partly Cloudy Is Weather Forecast

LOCAL FORECAST—Partly cloudy weather tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

STATE FORECAST—Tonight and Wednesday, partly cloudy to cloudy.

HOURLY

TEMPERATURE	
10 p. m.	63
11 p. m.	65
12 midnight	65
1 a. m.	64
2 a. m.	54
3 a. m.	51
4 a. m.	52
5 a. m.	59
6 a. m.	48
7 a. m.	46
8 a. m.	44
9 a. m.	45
10 a. m.	54
11 a. m.	59
12 noon	64
1 p. m.	64
2 p. m.	64

"Zimnie"

#### DUTCH-GERMAN BREAK IS NEAR; CABINET MEETS

Relations Between Neutral and Central Powers Strained.

#### KAISER SENDS ULTIMATUM

Hun Wouldn't Hesitate to Repeat Belgian Violation.

THE HAGUE, April 23.—The Dutch cabinet met yesterday in extraordinary session.

The British foreign office, according to the London Daily News has found that the relations between Holland and Germany are very strained. The dispute about the supply of gravel from Holland to Germany was said to have been the cause. Officials in diplomatic circles in London were reported to look upon the situation with uneasiness. Rumors were that something in the nature of an ultimatum had been delivered to Holland by Germany.

The Handelsblad of Amsterdam on Monday expressed the belief that Germany would not hesitate to use communication through Holland even at the risk of war, if she believed that by doing so victory could be obtained on the western front.

It was reported recently that Germany looked with disfavor upon Holland's attitude toward the seizure by the United States and Great Britain of Dutch tonnage in American and British ports.

#### BULLETIN

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 23.—More than 100 Twin City residents, mostly women and clergymen, came to the capitol today, marched to the governor's office and formally protested against the proposed Willard-Fulton fight in St. Paul on July 4.

LONDON, April 23.—Uruguay and Argentina are expected to declare war against Germany at an early date, according to Berlin advices forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph's correspondent at Amsterdam. The German newspapers have been notified to prepare the public for this development, he adds.

#### New York Stock List

NEW YORK, April 23.—Closing prices on the New York stock exchange today were:

American Beet Sugar	73 1/2
American Can	45 1/2
American Car & Foundry	29 1/2
American Locomotive	44 1/2
American Linseed	23 1/2
American Smelting and Refining	10 1/2
American Sugar	10 1/2
American T. and T.	100
Anacostia Copper	63 1/2
Atchafalpa	83 1/2
Atl. Gulf & West Indies	108 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	80 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	52 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	75 1/2
Canadian Pacific	138 1/2
Central Leather	62 1/2
Chenapack & Ohio	29 1/2
Chicago, M. & St. Paul	37 1/2
Chicago, R. I. & Pac.	19 1/2
Chino Copper	42 1/2
Colorado Fuel & Iron	32 1/2
Corn Products	36 1/2
Cruikshank Steel	45 1/2
Cuba Cane Sugar	29 1/2
Erie	14 1/2
General Electric	147 1/2
General Motors	114 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	89 1/2
Great Northern Ore Cts.	95 1/2
Illinois Central	90 1/2
Incorporated Copper	52 1/2
Int. Mer. Marine Pfd.	24 1/2
International Paper	36 1/2
Kennecott Copper	12 1/2
Louisville & Nashville	112 1/2
Maxwell Motors	21 1/2
Mexican Petroleum	94
Milam Copper	28 1/2
Midvale Steel	75 1/2
Missouri Pacific	41 1/2
Missouri Valley	21 1/2
New York Central	69 1/2
Norfolk & Western	104 1/2
Northern Pacific	37 1/2
Pennsylvania	44 1/2
Pittsburgh Coal	53 1/2
Quincy Copper	82 1/2
Ray Consolidated Copper	81 1/2
Reading	81 1/2
Rep. Iron & Steel ex div.	81 1/2
Sinclair Oil & Refining	23 1/2
Southern	25 1/2
Southern Railway	20 1/2
Studebaker Corporation	34 1/2
Tennessee Copper	17 1/2
Texas Company	145 1/2
Tobacco Products	54 1/2
Union Pacific	119 1/2
United Cigar Stores	125 1/2
U. S. Ind. Alcohol	125 1/2
United States Rubber	50 1/2
United States Steel	80 1/2
Utah Copper	80 1/2
Wabash Pfd.	10 1/2
Westinghouse Electric	41 1/2
Willingham Electric	41 1/2
American Tobacco	162 1/2
Atlantic Coast Line	89 1/2
Gulf States Steel	100
Seaboard Air Line	60
Shenandoah Steel and Iron	122 1/2
United Fruit	44 1/2
Virginia Coal & Coke	44 1/2

#### Ships Sunk in Zeebrugge Channel in Naval Raid; Haig Improves Line at Albert by Wide Advance

#### QUARTER OF MILE GAIN IS SCORED NORTH OF SOMME

Prisoners Are Taken in Local Action During Night.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Diplomatic despatches today from Bern, said Hungarian troops have arrived in Belgium. Many troop trains, it was said, have passed through Liege. The presence of many Austrians was reported also at Antwerp and Ghent.

LONDON, April 23.—On the Somme front north of Albert, the British last night improved their line by a successful local operation, it is announced officially. They took sixty prisoners.

On the Flanders front in the Robecq sector and near Wytchaete the British took prisoners.

The British attack last night north of Albert was carried out on a front of about 1,000 yards. Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters reports that an advance was made to a depth of about 350 yards.

PARIS, April 23.—Active artillery operations on the Somme front and east of Rheims are reported in today's official communication.

#### Greatest Activity On Canadian Front

CANADIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, April 23.—The Canadians during the last twelve hours have raided the German lines at seven places, gassed the enemy with thousands of lacrymatory and lethal shells, harassed him by special artillery shots.

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#### HINDU PLOTTER SHOT IN COURT BY CO-DEFENDANT

Ram Chandra Fatally Wounded in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—Ram Chandra, editor of the Hindu publication "Ghad" (Revolution) was shot, probably fatally, here today by Ram Singh, another Hindu defendant in the trial of thirty-two persons charged with conspiring to foment revolution against British rule in India.

Court had just adjourned for the noon recess.

Marshall Shoots Assaultant. Singh fired two shots at Chandra, both of which took effect. United States Marshal J. R. Holohan, who was present across the court room from Singh, drew his revolver and shot Singh, who fell to the floor.

United States Attorney John W. Preston had just concluded the prosecution's final argument to the jury.

Court Under Guard. Ensuing wild confusion and a stampede for the door were quelled by United States District Judge William C. Van Fleet, who returned from his chambers as the shooting began, ordered the room cleared and placed in charge of an army guard.

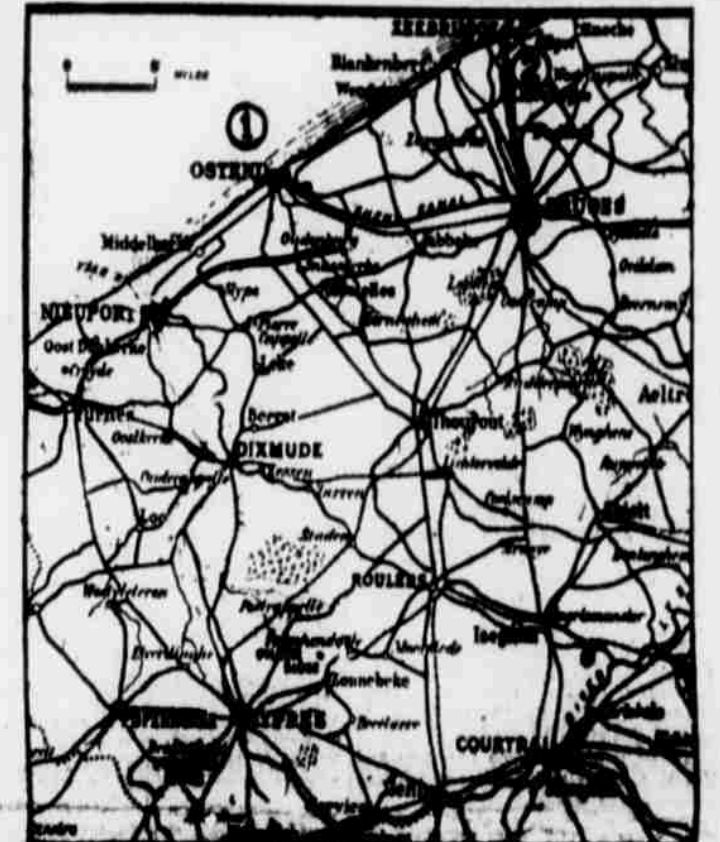
Ram Chandra and Ram Singh both were dead when examined by physicians.

#### MRS. ROSE STOKES INDICTED BY U. S.

KANSAS CITY, April 23.—Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes was indicted by a federal grand jury here on three counts this afternoon. Mrs. Stokes was charged with violation of the espionage act.

Mrs. Stokes, wife of J. G. Phelps Stokes, wealthy New York socialist, was not in the courtroom when the grand jury returned its findings. She was arrested at Willow Springs, Mo. March 22 and released on \$10,000 bond after her arraignment the following day when she pleaded not guilty.

#### Does British Raid on Submarine Bases Foreshadow Naval Offensive?



The points marked 1 and 2 on the map above indicate Ostend and Zeebrugge, respectively, where the British naval command duplicated in a measure Captain Hobson's Merrimac feat in the Spanish-American war by sinking five obsolete cruisers at the mouths of the channels. Naval and military experts connect the sweeping of the Cattegat by British warships last week, and the latest move to bottle up the submarines as preparations for a large offensive by the British grand fleet, in which, of course, American naval vessels in Europe would participate.

The heavy black line running from Zeebrugge (2) to Bruges, about eight miles inland, indicates the Bruges canal, which has been used as a harbor, for the German submarines.

#### Hobson and Merrimac Recalled By Blocking U-Boat Egresses

ACTION of the British naval commanders in running aground five obsolete cruisers in the channels at Ostend and Zeebrugge, where the principal bases of German submarines are located, finds a parallel in the famous Merrimac-Hobson incident in the Spanish-American war.

On June 3, 1898, Commander Richmond Pearson Hobson, with seven companions sailed into the mouth of the harbor at Santiago, Cuba, on the steam-coller Merrimac, to sink the vessel under the batteries of Morro castle, thus bottling up the Spanish fleet under Admiral Cervera, in the harbor. The Merrimac was sunk, but in sinking, veered from the position she was intended to occupy.

Hobson and his companions were taken prisoners by the Spaniards and exchanged on July 6. Later he was promoted to a captaincy.

#### OWEN ASKS CITY COMMISSIONERS TO PAY BILLS

Walton Protests Claim as Being Unpatriotic.

At the meeting of the city commissioners this afternoon, J. M. Owen, general manager of the Oklahoma Gas & Electric company appeared to ask why the city had not paid its electric light bills which were protested by Commissioner J. C. Walton on the ground that he had ordered lights cut off in line with the government fuel saving program.

Owen previously had obtained the consent of the commissioners to appear and explain the stand of the gas company. He said the gas company had a contract with the city and could not turn off the lights.

Commissioner Walton accused the gas company officials of being unpatriotic and hindering the government program. He made a bitter speech against the corporation and declares that if the other commissioners vote to pay the bill they would do so over his protest.

The farmer who buys Liberty bonds is making hay for his country even though the weather is cloudy.

It is said the lieutenant also called at the local chapter house of a fraternity to which he belongs while here. Both the lieutenant and a mechanic who accompanied him, declined to give their names but his machine was numbered 38,220.

The young woman on whom he called also declined to divulge his identity.

#### STORMING PARTY LANDED ON COAST TO AID IN ACTION

Complete Success Attends Daring Exploit of British.

LONDON, April 23.—British naval forces today raided the German submarine bases of Ostend and Zeebrugge, the admiralty announces. Five old cruisers which had been filled with concrete for use in blocking the channels were run aground, blown up and abandoned by their crews.

In all probability the entrance to the Bruges canal has been blocked effectively in consequence of the naval raid, Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, announced today in the house of commons.

The result of the whole operation, Sir Eric said, was regarded as very successful.

Troops Also Landed. While the operation was in progress, Sir Eric announced, British parties were landed to distract the enemy. The officer who developed the scheme of attack was killed.

Storming parties were landed on the mole from the cruiser Vindictive. The casualties to the personnel, said Sir Eric, were heavy in proportion to the number engaged. An enemy destroyer was torpedoed at Zeebrugge.

How Vessels Were Sunk. Two of the blockading ships were sunk and blown up at the entrance to the Bruges canal. The piling besides the mole at Zeebrugge was blown up by an obsolete submarine filled with explosives.

The casualties to British craft, Sir Eric said, were one destroyer and two coastal motor boats sunk, and two launches missing.

Bases Raided Are Huns' Mainstay

The ports of Ostend and Zeebrugge on the Belgian coast are the principal bases for the operation of the submarines in their campaign against shipping in the North sea and English channel. They are of great importance to the Germans for this purpose, and it has been recognized by the allies that to deprive the enemy of them would be one of the most effective means of dealing with the submarine.

An attack on the ports by the British fleet has been urged but the British naval authorities apparently regard the land defenses as too strong to make this practicable. Various measures have been adopted to destroy German submarines on entering or leaving these ports. Field Marshal Haig's offensive in Flanders last summer was generally believed to have as one of its main objectives the bending back of the German northern flank, so as to deprive the enemy of these two points.

Another Step to Wipe Out U-Boats

WASHINGTON, April 23.—News of the British raid upon the German submarine bases at Ostend and Zeebrugge and of the attempt to bottle up those harbors was received with great interest at the navy department. The move was taken as another definite step in the carefully planned campaign against the U-boats which, it has been repeatedly predicted, would begin to show material results about this time.

Cattegat Action in Campaign. The recent raid of the British grand fleet into the Cattegat, when ten German trawlers were sunk, was said to have been another of the steps to prevent the egress of the submarines.

It has long been established that the principal bases of submarines which operate in those waters around the British Isles are in the captured Belgian ports. The wharves, workshops and basins of those harbors have been frequently bombed by allied airmen, in several instances with good results.

Coast Protects Divers. The peculiar formation of the Belgian coast has acted as an unsurmountable obstacle to any major allied naval offensive on the submarine bases. The gradually shelving beach prevents the approach of any but the lightest draft vessels. Narrow channels piercing this shallow stretch of water were extensively mined by the Germans. Shore fortifications of unusual strength add to the protection against attack from the sea.